



SPORTING ARKANSAS 2020/2021 TEAM TRYOUTS & CLUB INFORMATION

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What Do The Coaches Look For During Tryouts?

All players will be evaluated based on their technical, tactical and physical soccer abilities. Players who exhibit a strong work ethic and who display a respect for the game, coaches and fellow players will show well.

How Will The Teams Be Formed?

Teams will be formed based on ability and number of players trying out. The player pool will be evaluated, and teams will be formed based on the ability to compete within the clubs designated leagues and pathways. Senior Staff will evaluate each age group and form complete teams where we are able to.

What About Academy Evaluations?

All Academy players (returning and new) will need to go through the evaluation process before they are accepted into the Academy. We encourage all academy age players to attend as many days as possible. If you are unable to attend, let us know and will arrange a later evaluation time.

What Team Do I Tryout For?

Birth Year	Proper Age Group
2013 – 2011	Academy
2010	U11
2009	U12
2008	U13
2007	U14
2006	U15
2005	U16
2004	U17

Can I Play For a Team Older Than My Birth Year?

****All NEW players to the club & current Sporting Arkansas players not currently playing up an age group:*

You must attend at least the first night of tryouts with your proper birth year age group. After you compete the first night of tryouts, you may attend a tryout for a team one year older with prior approval from the Director of Coaching. Teams will be determined by ability and development potential. Because you have attended a tryout with an older team there is no guarantee that a position will be offered on that team.

NEXT STEPS AFTER TRYOUTS

1. Ensure we have your correct contact information:
Contact Phone Number and Email
2. Staff will be working on team selection and formation. Within ten days of the last day of tryouts, you will receive a contact/email with one of the following pieces of information:
 - Offering placement on a team
 - Explaining where we are in the process and what the timeline is for team finalization
 - Or an email that we are unable to offer your player placement on a team
3. The email you receive will explain the next steps needed to confirm an offered position.
4. If for some reason you have not received an email within ten (10) days from the last tryout date, please contact us.

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How Much Will It Cost If I Make A Team? Do I Have To Pay All at Once?

All fees and what they include are published on the [Parent Corner Page](#) of our website. Sporting Arkansas will work with you in a variety of ways to help make the registration process and fee payments affordable to you. Each player will be charged \$100 classic/\$50 academy non-refundable commitment registration fee upon acceptance of their team placement offer.

Is There A Scholarship Program Offered?

YES! Details are on our [Parent Corner Page](#) of our website. Scholarship is only applied to the club fee portion of registration. Each player is required to pay for the team fees and personal/family expenses.

Training Kit Information

Once season training begins, all Sporting Arkansas players are required to wear the clubs training kit to all training sessions (indoor and outdoor). Sporting Arkansas Light Blue Training Top (one free to new to club players; \$15 for returning players), Navy Shorts and Navy Socks.

Will I Need To Purchase a New Uniform This Year?

If you are new to the club or moving into the classic program from academy, then Yes. If you are a returning player, then No. Sporting Arkansas uses uniforms for a two-year cycle period and we are going into the second year of the period. New uniforms will be needed during the 2021/2022 season.

Time Commitment

Classic Program players usually train two-three times each week and have games on the weekends. Some weekend games require overnight hotel stays with multiple games that weekend due to the distance traveled.

Academy Program players train twice each week and have competition on the weekends, but travel is minimal to local competition. Some out-of-state travel may be required.

